

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 204

By Harwell

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Matt Brown of Brentwood upon his election as the National Chief of the Order of the Arrow.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Matt Brown, who was elected in December to the serve as the National Chief of the Order of the Arrow, the national honor society for the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, as National Chief of the Order of the Arrow, Mr. Brown holds the highest elected position in the Boy Scouts organization and, as National Chief, will travel the country during his year of service to the position, speaking to Boy Scouts and representing the organization with acumen and aplomb; and

WHEREAS, in fulfilling his role as National Chief, Matt Brown recently presented the Boy Scout's 2013 Report to the Nation to President Barack Obama. During his time in Washington, D.C., he also met with congressional leaders, including Speaker John Boehner, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, and Senator Harry Reid, met the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, toured Arlington Cemetery, and participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown joined the Boy Scouts in grade school, ascending through the ranks from Cub Scout to Boy Scout and then to Eagle Scout as a member of Troop 1 and, prior to his election as National Chief, rendered sterling service as the Section Chief representing Tennessee, Kentucky, and Northern Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Matt Brown graduated from Brentwood High School in 2011 and is currently pursuing his undergraduate education at Lipscomb University; and

WHEREAS, his ascension to this most prestigious rank is a great source of pride for his parents, Bobby and Joy Brown, his troop and troop masters, his school, his community, and the entire State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the consummate Boy Scout, Matt Brown is loyal to the ideals of scouting and is motivated by the desire to be both a leader and a servant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Matt Brown for his dedication to the Boy Scouts of America and to the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Matt Brown upon his election to the position of National Chief of the Order of the Arrow and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.